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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Robert P. "Bob" Neal, who passed away on September 3, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Neal was born on May 18, 1939 in North Chicago and was a life-long resident of Wadsworth; his parents were Leo and Frances (nee Clarke) Neal; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Neal served in active duty in the United States Navy from 1957 until 1961 and retired from the Naval Reserves in 1999; he later continued his service to his country by serving as President of the Lake County Council of the Navy League; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Neal started Able Electronics in his basement and operated the business in Waukegan for over 25 years; he was a member of the Lake County Board from 1982 to 1994; he served as Chairman of the Lake County Republican Central Committee for 8 years; he was also appointed director of the Illinois State Tollway Authority by Governors James Thompson and Jim Edgar and served for 10 years and worked for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Wetlands Research, Inc.; as president of Wetlands Research, he led the development of the Wetlands demonstration in Wadsworth and

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1 Gurnee and was honored with the naming of Neal Marsh in his
2 honor; and

3 WHEREAS, Robert Neal's life-long commitment to his
4 community started at a young age with the Boy Scouts, becoming
5 the first Eagle Scout in St. Patrick's Troop 75; he served as
6 President and State Vice-President of the Waukegan Jaycees,
7 founded the Gurnee Jaycees, and was a member of the ZB Moose
8 Club, the Knights of Columbus, Waukegan Masonic Lodge 78, and
9 the Lake County Shrine Club; he was a charter member of the
10 Little Fort Lions Club and a charter member and President of
11 the Wadsworth Lions Club, where he received the Melvin Jones
12 Award in 1996; he served as a Newport Township Volunteer
13 Fireman, Board Member and President of the Newport Township
14 Civic Association, and as Chairman and President of the United
15 Way of Lake County Campaign; he was a founding member of the
16 Coalition for Healthy Communities, President of the Waukegan
17 Exchange Club, and President of the Newport Historical Society;
18 he served as a trustee for the Village of Wadsworth, as Newport
19 Township Supervisor, and as a Republican Precinct
20 Committeeman; he was also a member of St. Patrick's Parish; and

21 WHEREAS, Robert Neal was an avid Chicago White Sox and
22 Chicago Bears fan; he also enjoyed playing golf, especially
23 with his friends in Sun City, Arizona and on the Pickwick Golf
24 League at Willow Glen Golf Course; and

1 WHEREAS, Robert Neal was preceded in death by a daughter,
2 Michelle Patrice "Miki"; his parents; and a brother, Clarke
3 Neal; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Neal is survived by his loving wife of 53
5 years, Pat (nee Geissler); devoted children, Lori Neal, Cheri
6 Neal, Cathy (Rodney) Karlstrand, Rob Neal, Jr., and United
7 States Navy Lt. Joe Neal; adoring grandchildren, Billy Ditzig,
8 Britney Ditzig, Michelle Swanson, Riley Karlstrand, Melissa
9 Neal, and Rachel Depuydt; siblings, Bill Neal, Betty (Bill)
10 Hoffmeier, Jim (Janet) Neal, Dorothy Desmond (Kevin Scott), and
11 Rick (Deb) Neal; sister-in-law, Martha Neal; and many loving
12 nieces, nephews, and extended family members; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
16 Robert P. "Bob" Neal; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Robert Neal as an expression of our
19 sympathy.